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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, APRIL 9

1. WP (PAGE 3) HEADLINE "SOYUZ FAILURE TERMED NO THREAT TO PROJECT," REFERRING TO TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN KONSTANTIN D. BUSHUYEV IN MOSCOW AND GLYNN L. LUNNEY AT JOHNSON SPACE CENTER IN HOUSTON, IN WHICH BUSHUYEV POSITIVELY ASSURES LUNNEY THAT THE FAILURE WOULD NOT AFFECT JOINT PROGRAM OR JULY 15 LAUNCH. (ALSO NYT AND SUN).

2. SUN (PAGE 9) HEADLINE "GLEASON THREATENS TO RENEW BOYCOTT OF RUSSIAN SHIPS TRADING IN U.S." DATELINED WASHINGTON. THOMAS W. GLEASON, PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S ASSOCIATION (AFL-CIO) CONDEMNS SOVIET SHIPPING PRACTICES, THREATENS TO RENEW HIS UNION'S POLICY OF BOYCOTTING RUSSIAN-FLAG VESSELS TRADING AT U.S. PORTS. "THE LONGSHOREMEN MADE A MISTAKE WHEN WE MOVED GRAIN TO RUSSIA," GLEASON SAID AT MEETING OF KEY LABOR LEADERS DISCUSSING PROBLEMS OF MARITIME INDUSTRY.

3. CSM (PAGE 30) HEADLINE "SOVIETS QUESTION YIELD ON UNCLASSIFIED

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FARM INVESTMENTS" BY ELIZABETH POND, DATELINED MOSCOW,

REPORTING ON KULAKOV SPEECH AS PUBLISHED IN PRAVDA AND
IZVESTIA MARCH 25. PRAISED SUCCESSES SINCE 1965 BUT

ALSO CRITICIZED LOW PROFITABILITY OF CURRENT AGRICULTURAL
INVESTMENTS.

4. SUN (PAGE 4) - "KREMLIN TRYING TO SMOOTH ROUGH
WATERS WITH TITO" BY MICHAEL PARKS, DATELINED MOSCOW.
ON EVE OF BIJEDIC VISIT, IZVESTIA IN COMMENTARY TRIED
TO SMOOTH INCREASINGLY FRACTIOUS SOVIET RELATIONS WITH
YUGOSLAVIA BY RENEWING MOSCOW'S PLEDGES OF NON-
INTERFERENCE IN YUGOSLAV POLITICS. CRITICIZED WESTERN
FORCES ATTEMPTING TO DIVIDE THE TWO SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

5. NYT (PAGE 5). REUTERS ITEM ON FATAL LITHUANIAN RAIL
CRASH, CONFIRMED BY LITHUANIAN NEWSPAPER (ALSO WP).

6. NYT (PAGE 43). SULZBERGER COLUMN DATELINED BRUSSELS
RELATES PESSIMISTIC VIEW FROM ANONYMOUS WEST EUROPEAN
SOURCE THAT RUSSIANS ARE VERY IMPRESSED BY FALTERING
U.S. WILL POWER; SOURCE CONCERNED ABOUT REVERSALS IN
U.S. INFLUENCE WHEN RUSSIAN INFLUENCE RISING EVERYWHERE.
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